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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thursday, November 19, 1998

1. Call to Order/Attendance.

Call on Margit. Next, you have to clear the room of the public for the closed session.

2. Closed Session Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to General Code Section 11126 (q)(2) and(3).

Call on Dan Siegel.

3. Public Comments.

PAT: This is the time set aside for comments from the public on matters NOT on the agenda.

4. Minutes of the September 24, 1998 Meeting.

PAT: Any corrections? Needs MOTION and SECOND; VOICE VOTE.

5. Chairman's Report, Including Report from the Budget, Finance, and Administration Subcommittee Meeting.

PAT: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. here in the Jean Harvie Community Center. Tentatively scheduled for that meeting is introduction of new commissioners, review of the annual report, and review of at least one CALFED Category III project.

Upcoming Delta Events:

Public Pheasant Husting will be sponsored by Department of Fish and Game during November and December on State lands in the Delta, on Twitchell Island.

The good news is two of the Commissioners were just re-elected: Fed Harris was re-elected as Mayor of the City of Rio Vista, and Christopher Cabaldon was re-elected to the West Sacramento City Council. The bad news is we will be losing some of our Commissioners after this meeting, and I want to thank Supervisor George Barber and Commissioner Bob Potter for their participation on the Commission; they are both retiring from public service.

Report from the Budget, Finance and Administration Subcommittee: The Subcommittee met on October 28, 1998 and reviewed the materials regarding the work plan and the budget. We gave staff some guidance and administrative matters associated with the extended sunset such as the lease; approved the continued every other month meeting schedule; and dropping the "cancellation" notices for the even numbered months. We recommended continuing to be frugal with the budget monies until the Budget Change Proposal is approved; and asked staff to bring additional information about the Teale Contract and the proposed amendments to the Delta Protection Act to the full Commission. A reminder-- if any Commissioner would like to participate on the Budget Finance and Administration Subcommittee, please let me or Margit know.

6. Attorney General's Report.

Call on DAN SIEGEL.

7. Executive Director's Report. Call on MARGIT ARAMBURU.

MARGIT:

In the Mailing Packet:

1. "Explanation and Applications of County Input-Output Models" by George Goldman; Mr. Goldman showed this report to the Commission at the last meeting; copies were made for your information.
2. New schedule of meetings for 1999.
3. Excerpts from the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on CALFED
4. Letter Submitted to OAL re: the Tri-TAC Request for Regulatory Determination. Tri-TAC requested some time ago that OAL review the Commission's entire Plan to determine if the entire Plan is regulations (a more expansive request similar to the earlier lawsuit regarding just Utilities and Infrastructure Policy P-3); no response yet.
5. California Delta Chambers and Visitors Bureau's "Discover the California Delta"

At the Meeting:

1. A staff memo about Chinese Mitten Crabs.
2. Excerpts from the Final EIR for the LTMS

Newly Released Documents:

1. Great Valley Center report, "Agricultural Land Conservation in the Great Central Valley", October 1998; the report recommends establishment of a Private Land Conservation Transaction Program for the Valley.
2. The Bay Institute report, "From the Sierra to the Sea: the Ecological History of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Watershed"

Grant Programs:

1. Department of Conservation announced 13.7 million for FY 98-99; RFP will be released before the end of the year.
2. CALFED will have 75 million for CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Grants in 1999
3. North American Wetlands Conservation Act: Small Grants Applications are due December 4-between 500,000 and one million for grants up to \$50,000 with priority to new grant applicants. Projects are for waterfowl, nongame and other migratory birds, wetland habitat, or endangered species

Other:

1. Conference on "Practical Applications for Wildlife and Habitat Management on Farms and Ranches, December 8-9 in Visalia.
2. New Web Site for Land Trusts: Trust for Public Land has completed the California Land Trust Homepage www.capweb.com/tpl
3. Ducks Unlimited recently received a 3 million grants from the Packard Foundation to help bring agriculture and conservation together to make agricultural operations more wildlife friendly.

8. Pending Projects Memo.

Call on MARGIT.

MARGIT: I wanted to point out that a number of final documents have recently been released including: the FEIR for the Long-Term Management Strategy (LTMS) for the Placement of Dredged Material in the San Francisco Bay Region, the FEIR on the Montezuma Wetlands Project in Solano County; and the California Water Plan Update, Bulletin 160-98, released by Department of Water Resources.

9. Final Update on 1998 State Legislation

Call on LORI CLAMURRO.

[For Commission Information Only]

10. Briefing on Mitten Crabs by Department of Fish and Game Staff.

Call on LORI CLAMURRO.

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11. Delta as a Separate Tourism Area

PAT: Call on Margit.

MARGIT: At the last Commission meeting, the Commission was asked to consider the proposal by the California Delta Chambers and Tourism Bureau's proposal to have the State of California consider the Delta as one area, rather than divide the Delta between three regions. This would apply in public information documents prepared and distributed by the California Travel and Tourism Commission within the Trade and Commerce Agency. Eventually the Delta Chambers would like the Delta designated a separate tourism region which would made the region eligible for funds to use for tourism-type promotion, however, at this time the Delta Chambers is simply seeking support as a single area. This approach is the suggestion of the State Trade and Tourism Commission staff. Attached to the staff report is a draft letter of support and three maps copied from official Travel and Tourism documents showing the Delta divided into three regions. I want to welcome Craig Lundborg of the Delta Chambers Board.

PAT: Open Public Hearing .

Close Public Hearing.

Bring back to the Commission for discussion and possible action [approval of letter top be sent on behalf of the Commission.] Needs MOTION< SECOND, and VOICE VOTE

12. Position Regarding New City of Oakley, Contra Costa County

PAT: Call on Margit.

MARGIT: As you may recall, earlier this year, I briefed the Commission on the proposed City of Oakley in Contra Costa County and the proposed boundaries which include portions of the Primary Zone, primarily water-covered lands in Big Break. The incorporation was on the November ballot and was approved by the voters to the future City of Oakley. Oakley will become a City on July 1, 1999. In the Delta Protection Act, specific local governments are listed by name; those local governments must ensure that their general Plans are consistent with the Commission's adopted Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta. Tonight you have before you a staff report which outlines three positions which the Commission should evaluate; staff recommends the Commission adopt one of the positions tonight.

PAT: Open Public Hearing

Close Public Hearing.

Bring back to Commission for discussion and possible action [adopt one of the three positions, and direct staff to carry out any necessary tasks.] Needs MOTION, SECOND, and VOICE VOTE

13. Amendments to the Adopted Budget and Work Plan for FY 98-99

PAT: Call on Margit

MARGIT: In May, the Commission adopted a budget and work plan for half of FY 98-99. Because the Commission's sunset date has been extended to January 1, 1999, the Commission must hold a public hearing and adopt a revised budget and work plan for all of FY 98-99. The staff report includes a number of items:

The first few pages are the budget and work plan you adopted in May.

- a. Is a copy of the Budget Change Proposal for the rest of FY 98-99; the amount of money requested is the same as the Commission received last year.
- b. Is a proposal to extend the current Contract with Teale Data Center for Geographic Information System and Web Site Tasks--We will return to this item.
- c. Is a request for \$100 Sponsorship of San Francisco Estuary Project Conference--the Commission approved this level of support for the last conference
- d. This is a description of the Commission's attempts to Repay the \$250,000 Loan from the Environmental License Plate Fund as directed in the Delta Protection Act; attached is a draft letter to send on this matter--I have two suggested changes--Delete Steve Lehman, and add Fred Klasse at Department of Finance; and Delete Don Wallace and add Secretary Douglas Wheeler at the Resources Agency--these suggestions were from Don Wallace.
- e. Is to add a new planning project: Hog/Spud Island Project Coordination. This project is proposed by the private landowner and the Commission's participation was suggested by Chairman McCarty.
- f. Is to authorize staff to negotiate with Department of Fish and Game to have your staff assist with Administration of Study of Reuse of Dredged Material in the Delta; the tasks would be setting up a mailing list, preparing meeting notices, and minutes, mailing staff materials, setting up meeting locations, and similar task.
- e. Is to add to the Planning program Preparation of Supplemental Material in Support of the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone Regarding Recreation and Environment. The Commission's Plan is a living document, and now that several years have past, staff can prepared additional material for the Commission to consider in certain key issue areas.

Regarding Teale Data Center, at the Budget, Finance and Administration Subcommittee Meeting, there was a request for review of the original contract, tasks completed under that contract, and the current contract. The staff report labeled Attachment b includes that information: the original contract was actually two contracts: one with Teale and one with

Berkeley. Both of those contract were completed and the funds expended as of June 1997. One new contract with Teale was approved in May 1997 for FY 97-98; that contract was extended for six months until January 1, 1999. Randy Moory, the directory of the GIS program at Teale is here to answer questions from the Commission.

RANDY MOORY

Margit: Questions of staff?

PAT: Open Public Hearing

Close Public Hearing

Bring to Commission for Discussion and Action: Needs MOTION, SECOND and VOICE VOTE.

14. Possible Amendment to Delta Protection Act.

PAT: Call on Margit.

MARGIT: Staff is asking the Commission to consider one possible amendment to the Delta Protection Act. The Delta Protection Act currently includes a the two term limit on the Commission members; a term is four years. The staff report outlines some key concerns associated with this issue.

PAT: Open Public Hearing.

Close Public Hearing.

Bring back to Commission for Discussion and possible action [Staff would write a letter to Senator Johnston asking him to sponsor this amendment.] Needs MOTION, SECOND, and VOICE VOTE.

15. Commissioner Comments/Announcements.

16. Adjournment.